

HOUSE BILL 2113
By Kent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-116, relative to the sale of prison-made goods.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-116, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) The state or a prison contractor operating pursuant to the Private Prison Contracting Act of 1986, compiled in chapter 24 of this title, is authorized to develop industry programs in correctional facilities, pursuant to which inmates shall manufacture goods to be sold on the open market. No goods may be manufactured for sale on the open market pursuant to this section unless the goods are determined by the department of economic and community development to be goods not otherwise manufactured in Tennessee. For any such programs for manufacture of goods for sale on the open market, the Tennessee rehabilitative initiative in correction board, the commissioner of correction or the warden or superintendent or any other person in charge of the workhouse shall establish a wage rate for inmates and shall establish a rate of payment by such inmates to reimburse the state, county or municipality for providing room and board. The warden or superintendent or any other person in charge of the workhouse shall be authorized to apply a percentage of the inmates' net wages directly to a county victim's assistance program, if one exists. Monies contributed will first be applied to the county-operated victim's assistance program and if no program

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exists, then the monies will be applied to the victims of crime assistance fund established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-205, in an amount not less than two and one-half percent (2.5%) and not more than five percent (5%) of the inmate's net wages. This amount would not include court-ordered restitution to the victim(s) of crimes for which the inmate has been convicted. These amounts would be deducted from the inmate's account immediately after any necessary deductions for the inmate's room and board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.